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THE HOLY BIBLE

What is a Bible?

The Bible is collection of books that makes up the Word of God. The Catholic Bible has a total of seventy-three (73) books. The word Bible comes from the Greek word which means “books”. Also known as Sacred Scriptures, the Bible is the inspired written Word of God.

What is the Bible all about?

Just like in a love story, it is a book that tells us the story of God’s continuing presence and love for His people. The Bible describes how God revealed Himself to His people, created all things out of love especially human beings, showed His unconditional love by sending His only Son as a sacrifice for our sins, and unraveled His plan of salvation for all mankind.

Who wrote the Bible?

The Church teaches us that the Bible was written almost entirely by the Hebrew people or their Jewish descendants. God inspired and guided the authors to think and write about God’s presence in their lives and the lives of Gods’ chosen people.

When was the Bible written?

The writing of the entire Holy Bible took about a thousand years to complete. The first and the most ancient part of the Bible was written around 3,000 years ago. The second and more recent part was written around 2,000 years ago. More or less, all the writings to complete the Bible were in existence approximately by the year 120 A.D.

Where was the Bible written?

It was written in the place now known as the Middle East.

What is the importance of the Bible?

This holy book is the living Word of God. It is called the Word of God because it is inspired by the Holy Spirit and it tells us about God and how the people came to know about Him. God’s Word is very important for everyone because it reveals everything about God, what our purpose is here on earth, how to live a full and happy life, and be with Christ in our daily lives and in the life after.

Parts of the Bible:

I. Old Testament

The Bible is divided into two main parts. The first part is called the Old Testament. It is the most ancient part of the Bible and it was written about 3,000 years ago. This is the part of the Bible that tells about God's special friendship with the Hebrew people. It contains stories about the first people, creation, the laws and the prophets. There are 46 books found in the Old Testament and these books are classified into four types of books. The four groups of books in the Old testament are:

- A. *The Pentateuch*
 - 1. Genesis
 - 2. Exodus
 - 3. Leviticus
 - 4. Numbers
 - 5. Deuteronomy
- B. *Historical Books*
 - 1. Joshua
 - 2. Judges
 - 3. Ruth
 - 4. 1st Book of Samuel
 - 5. 2nd Book of Samuel
 - 6. 1st Book of Kings
 - 7. 2nd Book of Kings
 - 8. 1st Book of Chronicles
 - 9. 2nd Book of Chronicles
 - 10. Ezra
 - 11. Nehemiah
 - 12. Tobit
 - 13. Judith
 - 14. Esther
 - 15. 1st Book of Maccabees
 - 16. 2nd Book of Maccabees
- C. *Wisdom Books*
 - 1. Job
 - 2. Psalms
 - 3. Proverbs
 - 4. Ecclesiastes
 - 5. Song of Songs
 - 6. Wisdom
 - 7. Sirach
- D. *Prophetic Books*
 - 1. Isaiah
 - 2. Jeremiah
 - 3. Lamentations
 - 4. Baruch
 - 5. Ezekiel
 - 6. Daniel
 - 7. Hosea
 - 8. Joel
 - 9. Amos
 - 10. Obadiah
 - 11. Jonah
 - 12. Micah
 - 13. Nahum
 - 14. Habakkuk
 - 15. Zephaniah
 - 16. Haggai
 - 17. Zechariah
 - 18. Malachi

II. New Testament

The second part of the Bible is called the New Testament. This part is the more recent one and it was written around 2,000 years ago. This is the part of the Bible that tells about the life, death, & resurrection of Jesus and about the beginnings of the Church. There are 27 books in the New Testament. The books in the New Testament are also grouped together into four categories. Below are the groupings in the New Testament:

A. *The Gospels*

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| 1. Matthew | 3. Luke |
| 2. Mark | 4. John |

B. *The Acts of the Apostles*

C. *Letters/Epistles*

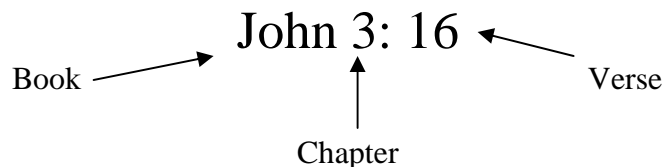
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| 1. Romans | 8. 1 st Letter to the Thessalonians |
| 2. 1 st Letter to the Corinthians | 9. 2 nd Letter to the Thessalonians |
| 3. 2 nd Letter to the Corinthians | 10. 1 st Letter to Timothy |
| 4. Galatians | 11. 2 nd Letter to Timothy |
| 5. Ephesians | 12. Titus |
| 6. Philippians | 13. Philemon |
| 7. Colossians | 14. Hebrews |

D. *The Book of Revelation*

How to find a passage in the Bible?

All the books in the Bible are divided into chapters, and each chapter is divided into verses for easy reference. You can find passages by first identifying the book, then the chapter, and finally the verse. Usually the name you see (as seen below) is the name of the book. The number following the name is the chapter. The number or numbers following the symbol “:” is the verse. Please study the example below.

Example:



Vocabulary:

1. Bible = a collection of books that make up the Word of God
2. Canon = official list of books of the Catholic Bible
3. Hebrews = the ancient people who were first to know about God
4. Inspiration = God's prompting of the writers of the Bible to think & write about God's presence in their lives, urge or impulse to write about God
5. Jews = the descendants of the ancient Hebrews, who are God's special friends
6. Magisterium = the pope and the bishops, who have the responsibility for teaching the authentic message of Jesus
7. Pentateuch = first 5 books of the Bible
8. Revelation = an important truth about God that is expressed within the inspired writings of the Bible
9. Scripture = written Word of God
10. Torah = the "teaching" or "instruction" found in the first five books of the Bible
= also known as the "law"

Reference:

New American Bible
This is Our Faith 6
www.catholic.org/encyclopedia
<http://catholic-resources.org>
www.newadvent.org
Encarta Encyclopedia

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SW #1 Bible

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I. Print and answer. Fill-in the blanks.

1. The word Bible comes from a Greek word which means

_____ .

2. How many books are there in the Catholic Bible? _____

3. What are the two main parts of the Bible?

a. _____

b. _____

4. What is the first part of the bible which contains the more ancient writings?

5. What do we call the part that contains the most recent books in the bible?

6. How many books are found in the Old Testament of a Catholic Bible?

7. How many books are found in the New Testament of a Catholic Bible?

8. When was the Old Testament written? _____

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SW #2 Bible

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- A. Classify the following books in the Old Testament. Write the name of the book inside the correct box. Choose your answers from the words below.

Deuteronomy

Genesis

Isaiah

Jeremiah

2 Kings

Proverbs

Psalms

1 Samuel

<i>Pentateuch</i>	<i>Historical Books</i>
<i>Wisdom Books</i>	<i>Prophetic Books</i>

- B. Classify the following books in the New Testament. Write the name of the book inside the correct box. Choose your answers from the words below.

Acts

Hebrews

John

Matthew

Revelation

Romans

<i>Gospels</i>	<i>Acts of the Apostles</i>
<i>Letters/Epistles</i>	<i>Book of Revelation</i>

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- I. Matching Type. Look at the scripture reference below and identify the parts. Write the letter of the word that describes each part.

Genesis 1: 27

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| _____1. | Genesis | a. | chapter |
| _____2. | 1 | b. | name of book |
| _____3. | 27 | c. | verse |

- II. Locate the following passages using the given scripture references. Write the exact text of each passage on the space provided.

1. John 3:16

2. Isaiah 40:31

3. Philippians 1:6

4. Psalm 23:1

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Match each vocabulary word with the correct meaning. Write the letter of the best answer on the blank provided.

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| _____ 1. the first five books of the Bible | A. Bible |
| _____ 2. an important truth about God that is expressed within the inspired writings of the Bible | B. Canon |
| _____ 3. the written Word of God | C. Hebrews |
| _____ 4. the official list of books in the Catholic Bible | D. Inspiration |
| _____ 5. also known as “the law” | E. Jews |
| _____ 6. the descendants of the ancient Hebrews, who are God’s special friends | F. Magisterium |
| _____ 7. the pope and the bishops, who have the responsibility for teaching the true message of Jesus | G. Pentateuch |
| _____ 8. the ancient people who were first to know about God | H. Revelation |
| _____ 9. a collection of books that make up the Word of God | I. Scripture |
| _____ 10. God’s prompting of the writers of the Bible to think and write about God’s presence in their lives | J. Torah |